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SUBJECT: GENERAL ASSEMBLY: CYPRUS DEBATE

1. U.S. STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY PUBLIC DELEGATE
J.C. KENNEDY ON NOVEMBER 9. AMB. TURKMEN AND TURK/CYPRIOT
REP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PARAGRAPH WHICH DESCRIBES
THE U.S. POSITION. WE HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK
REACTION OF GREEK SIDE AS YET.

2. U. S. STATEMENT: QUOTE DRAFT STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

ONCE AGAIN THIS ASSEMBLY HAS BEFORE IT THE
QUESTION OF CYPRUS, WHICH HAS RECEIVED SO MUCH
ATTENTION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE PAST. AND
ONCE AGAIN, IT MUST BE NOTED, PROGRESS TOWARDS A
SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS HAS NOT MET THE HOPES AND
EXPECTATIONS OF THIS BODY. THE SECRETARY GENERAL
HAS CLEARLY AND OBJECTIVELY DESCRIBED IN HIS REPORT
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THE PAST YEAR'S DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL
NEGOTIATIONS. SERIOUS EFFORTS WERE MADE TO MOVE THE
TALKS FORWARD, BUT THESE WERE UNFORTUNATELY LESS
SUCCESSFUL THAN WE HAD HOPED.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO
THE OBJECTIVE OF A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT ON
CYPRUS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY

THROUGH SERIOUS, SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON CYPRUS, CONDUCTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND THAT THE EFFORTS OF OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE THESE TALKS AND TO FOSTER AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCTIVE TO THEIR SUCCESS. THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS EARNESTLY DESIRE A SETTLEMENT THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY AND TO ENJOY THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS ACHIEVE SUCH A SETTLEMENT. THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS EXERCISED PATIENCE, PERSISTENCE AND SKILL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE REGRET VERY MUCH THAT AMBASSADOR PEREZ DE CUELLAR WILL SHORTLY LEAVE CYPRUS TO RETURN TO THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF HIS OWN COUNTRY. HIS ABSENCE WILL BE GREATLY FELT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

AS THIS ASSEMBLY IS NO DOUBT AWARE, THE UNITED STATES HAS OVER THE PAST MONTHS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED A RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE HAVE, MOREOVER, SOUGHT TO ENSURE THAT, ONCE THESE TALKS DO RECONVENE, THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIVE AND MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF EACH OF THE MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES. IT WAS WITH THESE AIMS IN MIND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MET WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CYPRUS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU EARLY IN OCTOBER, AND THAT SECRETARY VANCE AND CLARK CLIFFORD MET RECENTLY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE HELD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. AS A RESULT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS MY GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT THERE IS A SINCERE DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARDS SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND WE ARE IN PARTICULAR ENCOURAGED THAT A PROMPT RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS MAY SOON BE POSSIBLE.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE RESOLUTION THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IS NOT ONE THAT MY GOVERNMENT CAN SUPPORT. IT IS NOT A DOCUMENT THAT POINTS THE WAY TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IT EXAGGERATES THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THAT THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS REPRESENTS. IT OVER-EMPHASIZES THE ROLE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE CYPRUS MATTER AT THE PRESENT TIME. IN GENERAL, IT IS NOT THE KIND OF BALANCED DOCUMENT THAT WILL FOSTER AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOODWILL AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, WHICH IS THE PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF REAL NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT OF THIS LONG-STANDING PROBLEM.

MR. PRESIDENT,IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THIS DEBATE TO
CONCENTRATE ON THE PROSPECTS THAT NOW EXIST FOR
ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD RATHER THAN
DWELL ON THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE IMPEDED PROGRESS TO
DATE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT
HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIA-
TIONS CAN BE OVERCOME WITH THE SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING,
AND STATEMANSHIP OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. END QUOTE
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